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Preliminary Amendment

**Amendment to the Specification:**

On page 1, please insert the following paragraph following the title of the specification:

--This application claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/448,643, filed February 19, 2003, entitled "Joint, Adaptive Control of Equalization, Synchronization, and Gain in a Digital Communications Receiver," the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.--